

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention provides an apparatus and a method of restricting the reproduction of a video according to levels of a video reproducing system. More particularly, a digital video disc (DVD) system of the present invention reproduces a video according to a parental level corresponding to an input password. Otherwise, the DVD system reproduces the video from a DVD title according to a default parental level. An authorized user sets one or more passwords corresponding to parental levels in a DVD system. The DVD system verifies an input password against the one or more passwords to automatically select the parental level. If the user's input password does not correspond to the one or more passwords set by the authorized user, the DVD system automatically elects the default parental level. Therefore, even if the authorized user doesn't reset the parental level after setting the parental level to an adult level, the DVD system of the present invention prevents children or teenagers from accidentally viewing movies corresponding to the adult level. The present invention allows more convenient use of the parental control function made available in a DVD system.